

Tennessee Department of Transportation

The Civil Rights Division is celebrating Black History month by spotlighting employees whose exemplary work fosters the mission of the department.



Employee Spotlight: Dequisha Sherles

Administrative Services Assistant II, District 17 Admin-Johnson City

She likes singing with her siblings, playing basketball, reading books, and spending time with her family.

Favorite diversity quote is *“We must never forget that Black history is American history. The achievements of African Americans have contributed to our nation’s greatness.”* – Yvette Clarke

Joined TDOT Family October 2018

Tell us about a moment in Black History that influenced or shaped your career and life.

A moment in Black History that shaped my life and career was when President Barack Obama was elected as the first black president of the United States.

Which of the TDOT Values (Stewardship, Integrity, Safety, Consistency, Development, Innovation, Collaboration & Family) resonates with you and give an example.

I would say integrity. I feel that integrity plays a huge factor in the relationship that I have with my work family. I try to be as honest as possible so that a healthy and positive work relationship is maintained. I believe that integrity is required before the other values can take place.

Why is celebrating Black History Month important?

Black History is American history, so it is just as valuable as all of the other parts of history that we celebrate throughout the year. Still, Black History Month is the only month that Black History is recognized, acknowledged, and celebrated.

